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17 May 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bureau Chiefs

FROM : Chief, FBIS

SUBJECT : Letter of Information

GENERAL

1. FBIS performed an unusually broad variety of special services for Agency consumers during April including specially flagged "Voice of Thailand People" Clandestine summaries to the Thai desk, Far East Division, reportage on the International Man in Space Association meeting in Milan to OSI's Space Division, and a collation of BIS material on Cuban broadcasting developments to Western Hemisphere Division. Special arrangements were made for week-end delivery of the 27 April World Reaction Report on the U. S. atomic tests in the Pacific to the White House Situation Room and the Director. 50X1
2. In response to an urgent requirement levied on FBIS by the Defense Intelligence Agency, field bureaus filed significant references to the CENTO Council Session held the last week in April in London directly to the U.S. Army Attache, American Embassy, London. 50X1
3. The State Department's concern over strained relations between Cairo and Teheran, exacerbated by stepped-up clandestine radio activity, was reflected in a high priority request from the UAR/Syria Desk Officer for close scrutiny of Iranian broadcasts in Arabic for indications of direct reaction to the vitriolic "Free Voice of Iran" Clandestine located in Egypt. State expressed appreciation for surveys of Arabic output from both Teheran and Ahwaz Radios prepared by Mediterranean Bureau at Headquarters request. These surveys, forwarded directly to State, were later published in the Daily Report. Additionally, beginning in mid-April daily program summaries of the clandestine "Voice of the Arab Nation" were also sent to the UAR/Syria Desk. 50X1
4. Photo Branch, Graphics Register, OCR, which acts as a service of common concern in evaluating and disseminating photographs for the intelligence community, has arrangements with virtually every important newsphoto gathering service, including the major U. S. magazines, whereby their relatively sophisticated take passes through the Branch within a few days after the event, sometimes even before it reaches the agencies' home offices. In view of these arrangements, as well as those with the military attache services whose highly-refined photographs constitute the basic working tools of Graphics Register's consumers for military hardware reporting, bureaus currently monitoring television should forward still photographs only when the quality is good and there is strong likelihood that they will be the first received. 50X1

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5. FBIS budgeting for communications modernization provides that in FY 1962 a limited amount of 100 wpm equipment will be made available to Tokyo, East Coast and West Coast Bureaus; that in FY 1963 a considerable addition to equipment in this category will be made at most Bureaus; and that the 100 wpm program will be completed in FY 1964, to include relay-type equipment for the specialized communications functions of Tokyo and London Bureaus and the Headquarters Teletype Section. It is not planned to convert to KW 26 equipment unless absolutely required. [redacted]

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[redacted] to acquaint faculty people in the Asian and Soviet studies fields with the work and recruiting requirements of RPB. In general, the professors exhibited a gratifying interest in FBIS' current analysis activities, and several graduate students were suggested as possible propaganda analysts. [redacted]

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7. FBIS continued its service to the Agency representative with the U. S. disarmament delegation in Geneva, with significant texts supplied daily by field bureaus, roundups prepared Monday through Friday by the London Bureau, and propaganda-analysis cables supplied Sunday through Friday by RPB. [redacted]

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8. Following the flareup of hostilities in Laos, propaganda-analysis items on the Wire responded to requests from the OCI representative on the Watch Committee and from ONE for information on communist bloc treatment on the fall of Nam Tha and reaction to the U. S. military moves in Southeast Asia. Field Bureaus are continuing to service the U. S. delegation to the Laos conference in Geneva with texts of significant items; propaganda-analysis support remains on a standby basis in the absence of the Agency representative. [redacted]

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9. Consumer requests filled during the month from RPB's War Themes card file included texts of Soviet leaders' statements on the USSR's "global rocket" and a sampling of Khrushchev statements that "only a madman" would start a nuclear war, both for the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Arrangements are being made to microfilm this card file, which now contains some 6,000 Soviet and Chinese Communist statements, in order to make it more readily available to the increasing number of offices desiring to use it. [redacted]

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10. Other propaganda analysis services included information supplied to DD/P on Moscow propaganda treatment of the Spanish strikes. [redacted]

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11. The CPSU's May Day slogans were analyzed in a Radio Propaganda Report in the regular series on the semiannual slogans. Highlights of the slogans were discussed in a "Comment on Bloc Propaganda Item" on the Wire in advance of the published report. [redacted]

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12. Of 182 items included in the Current Intelligence Digest during April,

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68 (37 percent) were based solely or in part on FBIS monitoring. [] 50X1

13. The Okinawa Bureau cruising room has been moved to the northeast wing of the Operations Building in the area formerly occupied by the electronics shop. [] 50X1

14. Agreement with the U. S. Navy has been reached to move to new and more commodious quarters on the U. S. Naval Station at Key West. Plans and specifications for renovating the assigned building and erecting antennas have been developed and equipment has been requisitioned. The new space will accommodate the new video tape television recording equipment. [] 50X1

15. A survey team consisting of Engineer [] and Information Specialist [] are conducting tests in Florida and exploring sites which might have good signal reception from Latin American stations. Special equipment for measuring signal strengths of stations in absolute terms is being used with exact testing procedures. [] 50X1

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

1. A World Reaction Series supplement on U. S. resumption of atmospheric nuclear tests was issued 27 April. A prepublication roundup was filed on the FBIS Wire the day before.

2. The Okinawa Bureau's news flash on the attempted assassination of Indonesian President Sukarno 14 May was received in Washington via allocated channels four minutes after it had cleared the Okinawa wire, beating AP and REUTERS by approximately 45 minutes. All concerned are commended for this excellent performance.

3. When Headquarters levies on the field a requirement emanating from the White House, it will always designate such source as the "highest level." This will always mean the President, and the term will not be used for any other recipients of FBIS services.

4. Use of the Arabic element "al" in rendering the name of the Kurdish leader Mulla Mustafa Barzani should be avoided even when transliterated from Arab sources. Preferred spelling of the tribal affiliation is "Barzani," and not "Barazani."

5. Communist bloc commentaries on critical subjects (Sino-Soviet-Albanian relations, Laos, nuclear arming of NATO, etc.) normally warrant texting when reception permits. Only from text can positive statements be made as to significant omissions by the commentator. Fulllest possible processing is indicated for any bloc item that breaks a pattern in regard to a critical issue -- for example, a Moscow commentary on Albania monitored after a period of silence on the subject. When less than text results from poor reception, this fact should be noted for headquarters' information.

6. Bureaus are requested to observe the style of ellipses given in paragraphs 9.61.1 of the GPO Style Manual.

7. Since identical city (and transmitter) names exist in more than one Latin American country, it would be helpful to indicate the country as well as the city when reporting material in short FYI's from such sources. For example, "San Cristobal, Venezuela, Radio Junin reports... ."

PROPAGANDA ANALYSIS COMMENT

1. The Okinawa Bureau's comparisons between NCNA English and Chinese versions of major items have been greatly appreciated. This type of comparison has been particularly useful in bringing out CPR sensitivities to particular lines or subjects. Information provided in these FYI's has been used in RPB's periodicals, as well as in connection with some of the branch's special services.

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2. The branch has derived continuing benefit from the Austrian Bureau's FYI's regarding PRAVDA coverage of foreign communist party statements on Albania, China, and the antiparty group. On a related topic, the German and Austrian Bureaus supplied useful material for an article in the 3 May SURVEY on satellite reactions to the CPR National People's Congress.

3. Bureaus monitoring bloc materials are reminded of the branch's continuing interest in Radio Moscow or TASS pickups of authoritative Peking comment, particularly PEOPLE'S DAILY editorials and CPR leaders' speeches, and in Radio Peking or NCNA pickups of authoritative Soviet comment. Each side's treatment of the other's major statements continues to be one of the best sources for analysis of the Sino-Soviet quarrel.

FIELD OPERATIONS AND ENGINEERING

1. Bureaus are requested to include experimental coverage in the semi-monthly coverage reports filed to Headquarters. Under the heading: "EXPERIMENTAL," include coverage which is being sampled. Such entries are to be kept current through standard remarks concerning additions and deletions.

2. The Broadcast Information Section's Revision No. 40 to the Communist World schedule book is the first application of automation to the production of BIS radio schedules. The Moscow and Peking language schedules contain many items which are repeated from season to season. By storing such schedule information on Flexowriter tape, the typist need only insert changes instead of retyping the entire schedule. This results in an estimated saving of 75% of typing time.

3. A VHF radio receiver, model CEI 904-1 and associated manually rotatable dipole antenna have been installed at Austrian Bureau. Reception of Czechoslovak, Hungarian and Austrian FM and TV signals is at a 4x4 average. Good results have been obtained in monitoring audio portions of Czechoslovak TV transmissions. A Beverage wave antenna for improving signals from Berliner Welle has been set up and put into operation at German Bureau.

4. The London Bureau elevator was completed, tested and put into regular operation on 10 April 1962.

5. To meet Division wide need for cruising of VHF signals in the range from 30-300 MC/s, a remotely controlled directional antenna and bearing indicating system has been requisitioned.

ADMINISTRATION

Paragraph 1 cancelled per WA 104

1. FBIS policy on modes of travel and time limitations between assignments

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will continue to be as set forth in FB Notice 58-8 dated 3 March 1958. The six weeks limitation for combined travel and home leave between overseas departure and entrance on duty in headquarters will stand, and exceptions will be made only in case of urgent personal need. In cases of home leave and return to the same overseas bureau the decision as to length of absence from the bureau will be made by the bureau chief.

2. The following FBIS regulatory issuances were disseminated:

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Personnel

1. New Employees

Assignment

Clerk Typist
Production Unit, Editorial Branch

Administrative Assistant
Administrative Staff

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2. Reassignments

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Admin Assistant
London Bureau

Admin Assistant
Tokyo Bureau

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Clerk Typist
BIS, Field Operations
Staff

Clerk Stenographer
Field Operations
Staff

Teletype Operator
Teletype Unit
Editorial Branch

Clerk Typist
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Field Operations Staff

Editor
Far East Section
Editorial Branch

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<u>Reassignment</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
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	Editor ME, Africa, WE & LA Section, Editorial Branch	Editor German Bureau
	Editor East Coast Bureau	Editor London Bureau

3. Separations

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	Editor USSR & Eastern Europe Section Editorial Branch
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